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1. ADDITIONAL SUGGESTION FOR AGENDA FOR ADMIN OFFICERS' CONFERENCE.
BUDGET REPORTS - THESE REPORTS PREPARED AT POST APPEAR TO BE REACHING MAMMOTH PROPORTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF STATISTICAL DATA AND COMPUTATIONS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, (A) THE FIELD BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 76 TOTALED 36 PAGES, IN FY 79 THIS REPORT INCREASED TO 130 PAGES. (B) THE FY 76 PROGRAM GOING RATE AVERAGED 8 PAGES AND IN FY 79 WENT TO 19 PAGES. (C) THE FAAS GOING RATE IN FY 76 TOTALED 11 PAGES AND WENT TO 119 PAGES IN FY 79. (D) FISCAL REPORTS FOR FY 76 WAS 157 PAGES, IN FY 77 185 PAGES, IN FY 78 247 PAGES, AND IS ESTIMATED IN FY 79 TO REACH 333 PAGES.

2. THIS VOLUMINOUS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IS AN EXTREMELY TIME CONSUMING AND DETAILED TASK WHICH CONSUMES AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF FISCAL PERSONNEL TIME. THIS IN TURN LEADS TO OVERTIME WORK AND A LAG IN ACCOMPLISHING OTHER ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS. IT MAY BE THAT SOME OF THESE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS WERE ONE-TIME REPORTS OR REQUIREMENTS, BUT HAVE NOW BECOME PERMANENT
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REQUIREMENTS.

3. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE "WHYS" OF SUCH DETAILED FISCAL REPORTS AND WHETHER THERE IS RELIEF IN SIGHT, I.E. REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF DETAILED STATISTICAL REQUIREMENTS THAT RESULT IN SUCH LENGTHY FISCAL REPORTS. THIS REVIEW WOULD ALSO ENABLE POST PER-

SONNEL TO SEE HOW THESE REPORTS FIT INTO THE BIG FINANCIAL
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